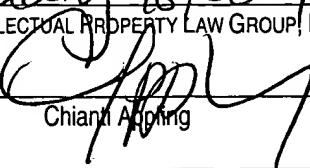




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In re application of:

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Application No.: **09/671,764**

Filed: **09/27/2000**

For: **USE OF A PENTAGASTRIN TO  
INHIBIT GASTRIC ACID SECRETION OR  
AS A DIURETIC**

Examiner: CHIH MIN KAM

Art Unit: 1654

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.